

Advancing Government Accountability – The AGA

The South Dakota Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants believes the most valuable asset of an organization are the professionals within it. As such, the South Dakota AGA chapter is dedicated to fostering learning, certification, leadership, and collaboration of professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability. There are several ways in which we achieve this mission, such as:

- ❖ Academic Scholarship – The Chapter has an academic scholarship that members can apply toward their studies.
- ❖ Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Scholarship – The Chapter continues to offer a scholarship reimbursing half the cost of CGFM exam fees for candidates passing all three examinations.
- ❖ CGFM Study Materials – The Chapter continues to offer CGFM study materials to candidates wishing to borrow them.
- ❖ Professional Development Conference – The Chapter continues to offer the best rates to our Chapter members. We hope each and every one of our members will be able to attend and grow from the Professional Development Conference (PDC). We always welcome your input in ways to make the PDC better for YOU!
- ❖ AGA Webinars – Through our partnership with the South Dakota Bureau of Finance and Management, we continue to offer a selection of AGA webinars at no cost to our members (and state professionals, too!).
- ❖ Members Luncheons – The Chapter continues to plan luncheons to network and learn about different topics, including our very popular tax update.

We believe all these resources will be helpful to you and will help you perform the important work of stewardship of the government resources. Together we can continue to advance government accountability in South Dakota!

How Our Chapter Operates

The Chapter is governed by a member-elected Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). This CEC consists of a President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and various directors. The CEC meets each month to report progress on Chapter initiatives and discuss the months ahead. There are many hard working members that spend their time making this Chapter great! If you have an interest in getting involved, contact anyone on the CEC (see page two for contact information) or visit the [AGA SD Chapter website](#) for more information.

Selected Member Demographics

	2017-2018		2016-2017	
Total Membership	99		95	
State Professional Members/% of Total	87	88%	84	88%
Local Professional Members/% of Total	10	10%	9	9%
Federal Professional Members/% of Total	1	1%	1	1%
Private Sector Professional Members/% of Total	1	1%	1	1%
Members in Capital Area/% of Total	80	81%	76	80%
Members outside of Capital Area/% of Total	19	19%	19	20%



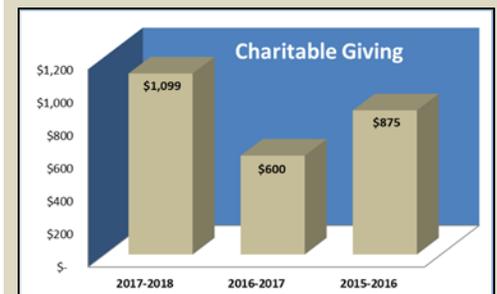
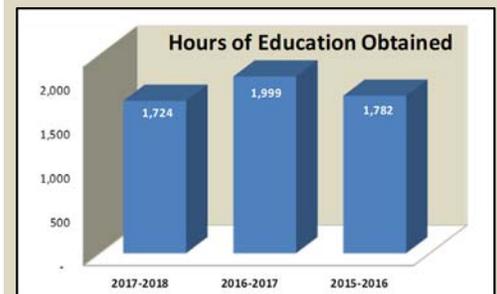
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Mission

AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

Chapter Activity Snapshot



Major Accomplishments Program Year 2017-2018

Chapter Contacts

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Community Service

- ✓ \$359 raised during the PDC for Feeding South Dakota
- ✓ Filled over 600 backpacks with food for children in the community
- ✓ Purchased 30 Christmas meals as part of the Holiday FEAST Program for families in need



Professional Certification

- ✓ March 2018 proclaimed CGFM month by the Governor
- ✓ Chapter CGFM scholarship awarded and two other members received reimbursement for the first examination.



Education

- ✓ PDC successfully held in April with 101 in attendance
- ✓ Hosted 6 AGA audio conferences with 102 in attendance



Membership

- ✓ 4% growth in membership
- ✓ Engaged more members to take active leadership roles on the Chapter Executive Committee



We want to hear from you. Do you like this report? Do you believe it should include any other information? Please let us know by contacting SouthDakotaAGA@gmail.com.

Our Finances

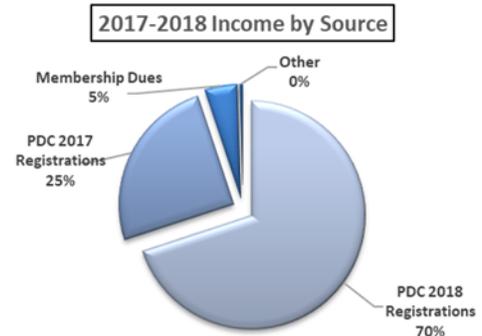
Revenues and Expenses

The Chapter is primarily funded by our annual Professional Development Conference. This means of supporting the Chapter is common among our fellow Chapters. It enables the Chapter to provide member benefits – such as, CGFM and academic scholarships, member luncheons, and charitable donations. The Chapter operates on an April 1 – March 31 fiscal year. Below is income and expense information that has been reviewed by the chapter executive committee.

Chapter Income

Income by Source

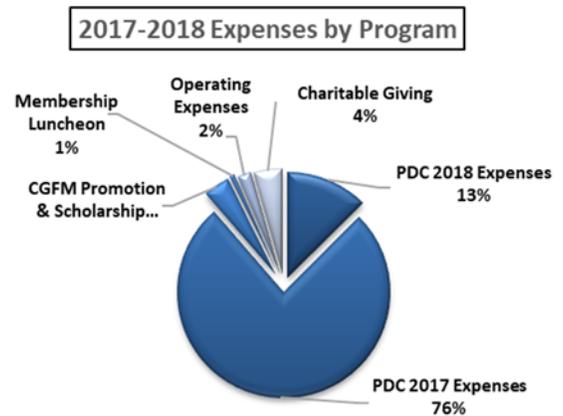
	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016
PDC 2018 Registrations	14,970	-	-
PDC 2017 Registrations	5,340	19,715	-
PDC 2016 Registrations	-	8,500	10,730
Membership Dues	987	533	805
Other	100	-	-
Total Chapter Income	\$ 21,397	\$ 28,748	\$ 11,535



Chapter Expenses

Expenses by Program

	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016
PDC 2018 Expenses	3,113	-	-
PDC 2017 Expenses	19,042	515	-
PDC 2016 Expenses	-	11,431	-
Chapter Officer Travel	-	-	449
CGFM Promotion & Scholarship	1,000	188	641
Membership Luncheon	201	618	141
Operating Expenses	526	562	166
Charitable Giving	1,099	600	875
Total Chapter Income	\$ 24,981	\$ 13,914	\$ 2,272



Professional Development Conference

PDC Expenses (refer to note)

	PDC 2018	PDC 2017	PDC 2016
Speaker Expenses	10,339	14,037	9,031
Facility Rental & Catering	6,114	5,421	2,248
Operating Expenses	2,169	99	152
Total PDC Expenses	\$ 18,621	\$ 19,557	\$ 11,431

Note: With the PDC occurring in April, the conference spans two chapter fiscal periods. Some expenses were not paid, and some revenue was not collected until the following fiscal year. The income and expenses tables report only activity occurring within the fiscal year. The below PDC table reports calendar year financial information.

	PDC 2018	PDC 2017	PDC 2016
Income	22,365	25,055	18,900
Expenses	18,621	19,557	11,431
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ 3,744	\$ 5,498	\$ 7,469

Moving Forward

Goals and Challenges of the Chapter

Challenges

- ❖ **Education:** Identifying and scheduling speakers for both the PDC and audio conferences can be a challenge. We seek to provide training that is timely, relevant, and beneficial.
- ❖ **Membership:** Although we have increased in membership over the past several years, there are still many that would benefit from being members of AGA. We are actively seeking to share how AGA can help financial professionals with their careers.
- ❖ **Leadership and Mentorship:** With fourteen leadership positions within our Chapter, it is important to develop and train future leaders of the SD AGA Chapter. A consistent rotation of new members serving on the CEC will allow for a strong and vibrant CEC.
- ❖ **Professional Certification:** The CGFM is an invaluable certification that allows a person to expand their career opportunities and distinguishes them from others in the field. We currently have several members who have received this certification, but there are many more that are not aware of this opportunity. We continue to inform members of this certification and encourage them to take advantage of the scholarships and reimbursement programs we have for the CGFM.
- ❖ **Achieving and Maintaining Excellence in Chapter Reporting:** Receiving certificates of excellence in reporting is not an easy task. It requires great coordination among the CEC, as well as hard work from various directors. We aim to continue the tradition of distributing high-quality information and meeting the chapter recognition program requirements.



Commitment to Excellence

Our Chapter continues to grow, advance, and develop each year, but we do not rest on our accomplishments. The CEC develops goals each program year. A goal in each area of the chapter is to earn the highest possible points in the Chapter Recognition Program. This helps our great chapter achieve even more! The following is a summary of the goals the CEC has established for the 2018-2019 program year.

Accountability

- Prepare a Citizen Centric Report (CCR) for the South Dakota AGA Chapter.
- Engage chapter members to participate in completing the South Dakota CCR.
- Prepare a CCR in cooperation with the State of South Dakota.

Communications

- Publish a quarterly chapter newsletter.
- Maintain the AGA Facebook page and chapter website with news and events.

Community Service

- Partner with Pierre Area Referral Service (PARS) to fill backpacks.
- Partner with PARS to package and deliver Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.
- Organize a charitable fundraising campaign during the PDC.
- Explore opportunities for the chapter to participate in volunteer tax preparation.
- Partner with PARS to offer a Budgeting Course for its clients.

Education

- Organize two membership meetings featuring speakers from the community.
- Host the annual PDC.
- Market the PDC to the government accountability community and advertise the PDC on the National AGA events calendar and chapter website.
- Host AGA audio conferences in partnership with the State of South Dakota.

Membership

- Continue relationships with local governmental associations.
- Run membership reports monthly.
- Market AGA to South Dakota's six public universities.
- Conduct a membership survey.
- Oversee and award Academic Scholarship program.

Professional Certification

- Recognize those who earn the CGFM designation.
- Continue to promote the CGFM within the State and Chapter.
- Apply for a gubernatorial proclamation for CGFM month.

Programs and Technical Meetings

- Post newsletters and chapter communications to the Chapter's web page.
- Aide in coordination of chapter events, including webinars, luncheons, and the PDC.

Mark your calendars for PDC 2019 on April 16–17, 2019, in Pierre, SD!
We look forward to seeing you there!